

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014**

PRESENT: Art Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson
Ray Wilcox
Norm John Noble
Pat Reilly

CONSULTANT: Keith Morris

CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7: 00 P.M.

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

T & M Builders/Simscroft – Bridge Street Subdivision

Consultant Morris addressed the Commission and discussed several violations he discovered at the site during a recent site inspection. He has since met on site with the applicant and his representatives. The violations included disturbance to the wetland crossing off of Wisteria Lane. The area was not protected during clearing operations. Additionally it appeared that stumping operations had begun prior to the installation of sediment controls.

Mike Gerard of Simscroft Builders addressed the Commission on these issues. He then introduced Professional Soil Scientist Ed Pawlak who has been retained to conduct soil and erosion control inspections and issue reports to the Commission as required by the permit. Mr. Poulak addressed the Commission. He stated that soil and erosion controls have been installed at the site and he then went over the current condition of the site. A discussion followed on the two wetland crossings.

Chairman Christian expressed his displeasure over the violations on site. A lengthy discussion followed on compliance with the conditions of the permit. After discussion, the Commission agreed with the proposed work to stabilize the site before the winter months.

Tagliavini – Lot 8 – Redstone Farm Subdivision – Boston Neck Road

Dave Tagliavini addressed the Commission and requested approval to move the house location on lot 8 to within 49' of the wetland boundary. There will be no additional work within the upland review area beyond what was originally approved by the Commission. After discussion, Chairman Christian poled the Commission. The Commission was in favor of the change with the exception of Commissioner Wilcox who was opposed. Commissioner Wilcox did not see how the change would improve the wetland area. The Commission gave Consultant Morris the authority to approve the change administratively.

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

Permit # 1624 – Hills & Orr Family Partnership – Single Family Home – North Grand Street. This property is located on the west side of North Grand Street, nearest intersection being Spruce Street. Assessor's Map Number 14, Block 18, Lot 16A.

Consultant Morris presented the application for the construction of a single family home on North Grand Street. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Neilson to accept the application and put it on the October 28, 2014 agenda for a possible decision. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

DECISIONS:

Permit # 1622 – Moffett – Single Family Home – River Blvd. This property is located on the east side of River Blvd, nearest intersection being Harbourside Drive. Assessor's Map Number 84H, Block 53, Lot 102-A.

Consultant Morris presented the application for construction of a single family home on River Blvd. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to approve the application with the following conditions:

1-11) Suffield Conservation Stipulations 1-11 shall apply (copy attached).

12) An anti-tracking pad shall be added to the plan.

This permit is granted under a Declaratory Ruling as it is the Commission's opinion that the work, as proposed, will not have a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses. This property is located on the east side of River Blvd., nearest intersection being Harbourside Drive, Assessor's Map Number 84H, Block 53, Lot 102-A. This permit shall expire on February 14, 2018. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$ 135.00.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

Permit # 1623 – Aquarion Water Co. – Access Road – Mountain Road. This property is located on the south side of Mountain Road, nearest intersection being Sunset Drive. Assessor's Map Number 4H, Block 3, Lot 5B.

Consultant Morris presented the application for construction of an access road to an existing pump house on Mountain Road. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Neilson, to approve the application with the following conditions:

1-11) Suffield Conservation Stipulations 1-11 shall apply (copy attached).

This permit is granted under a Declaratory Ruling as it is the Commission's opinion that the work, as proposed, will not have a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses. This property is located on the south side of Mountain Road, nearest intersection being Sunset Drive, Assessor's Map Number 4H, Block 3, Lot 5B. This permit shall expire on February 14, 2018. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$ 252.00.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Sunrise Park Rules

A discussion followed on the Sunrise Park rules. After discussion it was decided that Consultant Morris shall get prices for Park stickers and the discussion shall be continued to a later date.

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on the violation on Austin Street. After discussion, it was decided that Town Counsel shall be requested to attend the next meet to discuss the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SETEMBER 23, 2014

Commissioner Noble made a motion to amend the minutes to state that Commissioner Krar removed himself from the T & M Builders informal discussion. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Reilly and the motion was made and carried. Commissioner Noble then made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment, Vice Chairman Neilson seconded the motion, which was made and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary